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■ **WYLDEWOOD SURF CLUB: Surfboard Festival**

## For the love of the board

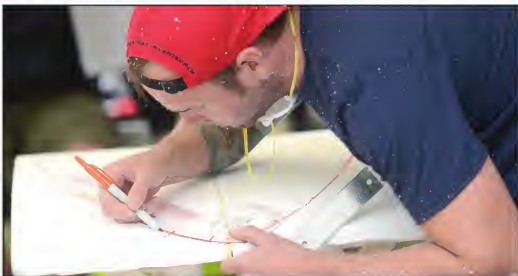
DAVE JOHNSON  
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**PORT COLBORNE**  
— Pleasant Beach looked a little like a beach in southern California this past Saturday, with crashing waves and surfers and surfboards everywhere. The only thing missing was the sun, but that didn't matter to members of Wyldewood Surf Club as they hosted Glass Love, A Summer Surfboard Festival, the first-ever event on the Great Lakes dedicated to the surfboard.

"We hold contests and competitions, but really nothing outside of that. This idea came about from events I've seen in California," said Bob Sobering, Wyldewood Surf Club member.

Sobering said the surf expo featured a surf swap, live shaping demonstration by Geoff Johnson of Five Surfboards, an antique surfboard roadshow, a ding repair clinic, raffles, and fireworks.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Geoff Johnson, of Five Surfboards, marks on outline on the foam base of a surfboard he was making during Wyldewood Surf Club's Glass Love, A Summer Surfboard Festival. It was the first-ever event on the Great Lakes dedicated to the surfboard.

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# upfront

## ■ SURFBOARDS

# Surfing making waves on Lake Erie

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It also featured surfing as waves had built up enough in Lake Erie on Saturday for the more than 50 people who came out to the festival to take to the water.

Sobering said there were a number of collectable and historical surfboards brought in by collectors to the one-day event held at the hall at the end of Pleasant Beach Rd. in Port Colborne.

One board was a Dave Sweet surfboard from California from 1959.

"Sweet started a revolu-

tion in surfboard making ... he started foam boards covered in fiberglass," said Sobering, adding the name of the festival is a play off of fiberglass boards.

The Dave Sweet surfboard was at the festival courtesy of New Jersey surfer Ryan White, who came up for the event.

White bought the surfboard at a garage sale and said many of the boards he's collected have come to him that way.

With the Sweet surfboard and another surfboard he had lined up in the sand, White said he was able to

trace their history because of serial numbers engraved on them by the board makers and learned who the boards were made for.

Sobering said surfboards are a very personal thing and surfers have their favourite boards, ones they can't do without.

"The first board I bought I slept with," he said, adding he slept with it in the back of a van when he was surfing in Florida.

With vintage and historical surfboards on display around them, surfers had a chance to make their mark on a modern board.

Geoff Johnson, of Five Surfboards, was at the festival to create a surfboard that will be raffled off at a future Wyldewood Surf Club event.

Sobering said surfers would listen to Johnson at the event to see what they wanted to board to look like. Surfers gathered around him as he spoke about how a board was created with foam and started to shape it.

"The board will be fiberglassed later on," said Sobering.

Another surfboard maker at the event was Rochester, N.Y.-based Trevor Cranmer. "He's the coolest guy," said Sobering, who spent part of Friday night before the event talking with Cranmer.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
A surfer rides a wave off of Pleasant Beach on Saturday afternoon during Wyldewood Surf Club's Glass Love, A Summer Surfboard Festival.

Cranmer arrived at Pleasant Beach with a 1972 Volkswagen van he restored and a number of his hollow-wood surfboards.

"We have Port Colborne-based businesses here, too," said Sobering, adding the Smokin' Buddha and E-Ride Niagara were at the day-long festival.

Sobering said surfing on the Great Lakes is growing and the club hopes to hold another event next year, in addition to the contests

and beach clean-ups it does now.

Evidence of how big surfing is on the lakes, Sobering said in the early 1990s there may have been five or six surfers on the waters of Lake Erie in the Pleasant Beach area. On Saturday at one point there were 20 surfers waiting in the water for the perfect wave to surf.

"It's really exploded."

And there are so many spots left to surf that have yet to be discovered.

## WYLDEWOOD SURF CLUB

- Formed in 1964 by Darcy O'Hear, John O'Hear, Tom Christopher, Don Harrison and Maggie Schaus
- Organizes beach clean-ups on the shores of Lake Erie in the Port Colborne area
- Holds contests later in the year, depending on the wave conditions
- Members are both Canadian and American



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Geoff Johnson, of Five Surfboards, looks over the outline on the foam base of a surfboard he was making during Wyldewood Surf Club's Glass Love, A Summer Surfboard Festival. It was the first-ever event on the Great Lakes dedicated to the surfboard.

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# portraits

■ **PHOTOGRAPHY:** John Borg likes birds

## Patience pays off

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — John Borg has a lot of patience. But patience is what he needs to capture that perfect wildlife shot.

Earlier this year, Borg sat for over an hour waiting to get one photo. A photo of a female bald eagle and its baby.

"I was for her to rip a female catfish apart for the baby."

He didn't quite get the shot he wanted as the mother eagle dropped the catfish, but he did get to watch the baby eagle look at the fish as it dropped.

"There were two babies in that nest for a few days. I saw the parents feeding two," the retired carpenter said, adding he spotted the babies on Canada Day.

He's not sure what happened to the second, but he's spent considerable time since February 10 out on Reuter Rd. in Port Colborne watching the nest site, set off of the road on Vale (formerly Inco) property until the leave grew in too much for him to see.

Borg's patience at this site has paid off many times.



A female bald eagle feeds.

"Once the male landed on the road ... he just sat there."

One thing about visiting the site often was it allowed the photographer, who likes to take photos of birds, to get photos of the bands on the adult eagle's legs.

Those bands are I.D. tags.



JOHN BORG Supplied photo

A male bald eagle looks down.

they give information about the sex of the bird, where it's from and where it was banded.

With no bald eagles nesting in the area, as far as records can determine, since 1830, finding out as much as he could about them was important to Borg.

Once he snapped shots of the bands, which wasn't easy as the birds were a good distance in the forest and their legs are dark, like the bands. When he did have the shots, Borg sent the numbers to Ontario Bird Banding Association.

"The male was born and banded in 2007 and the female was born and banded in 1993."

Both birds came from the Long Point area, said Borg, who has been taking photos since 1974.

"I have to thank Jody Allair, a biologist and science edu-

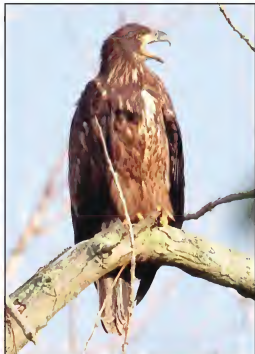
cator in Port Rowan, Laurin, Louise, and staff from Canadian Wildlife Services's bird banding office, and also last but not least, Lyndon and Lindsay Ashton, of Hamilton, for all the work they all did for me."

All of those people helped the Port Colborne man identify the bald eagles and sent him certificates showing he successfully identified the birds.

Before Borg started to take photos of birds and other animals he was a hunter, but he gave that up when he got married and traded the gun for a camera.

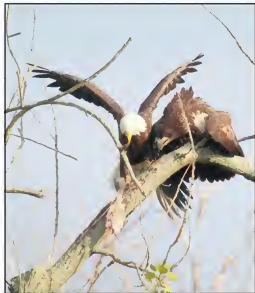
He'll get up at 5:45 a.m. and head out the door in order to get the shots he wants of bald eagles, Caspian terns, redwing blackbirds, or whatever species he's looking for.

"I always have a camera with me," he said.



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In this photo, a baby bald eagle cries out.



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A female bald eagle, left, and her offspring watch as a fish falls from the tree they were in.

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## Ourview

### Rural Ontario counting on urban voters

The direction, and even the complexion, of Ontario could change this fall.

Whether the changes are for the better or worse is up to Ontario electors who live in the ridings of Vaughan and Kitchener-Waterloo. Byelections are to be held in those two urban ridings Sept. 6, exactly 11 months after last year's provincial election.

Nothing short of a majority government for the Dalton Gang is at stake, making these among the most important votes in the province's history.

Last year rural residents throughout Ontario voted overwhelmingly against the Grit government and its policies. Urban areas leaned Liberal far enough to give McGuinty a minority hold on power.

There is widespread fear in the heartland that the anger and dismay that pervades rural Ontario will be ignored by city voters this year, just as it was last October.

Certainly, no matter where you live in Ontario, you have to know that we'll soon have to start importing red ink by the mile trainload so we have enough to print our financial statements.

The latest news from that front is that Ontario carries almost double the per-capita debt of California.

You might remember that California, with its endless financial crises, is a bit of a laughing stock of U.S. states.

Try laughing at this: In Ontario, each resident faces government debt of nearly \$20,000, while Californians are dealing with a mere \$10,300 per-capita debt by comparison.

Is there a chance that urban ridings will pay any more attention to this staggering number than they did last October?

Also, the issues that have rural folks up in arms don't seem to appear on urban radar screens.

The trampling of individual rights in selecting sites for wind factories is among the most critical of these.

Also treats to the 30,000-plus industry by moving slots out of racetracks and putting 30,000-race rural jobs at risk don't seem to resonate.

The urban-based Liberal party dismisses concerns about wind factories as nothing but NIMBYism. However, if Grit officials would bother to listen they'd learn that the heart of the matter is the way in which the government trampled basic rights by taking away local decision-making on locating turbines.

When politics is discussed in the boonies — and it's a topic second only to the weather in popularity — it's with a sadness and resignation I've never seen in my 45 years of covering politics across Canada. People just can't understand how McGuinty can ignore them, take vindictive actions against them when they don't vote the right way and make them feel like second-class citizens.

It's no consolation that these folks are heading for second-class status in a third world economy.

Their only hope is that the folks of Vaughan and Kitchener-Waterloo will give McGuinty's chain the kick it sorely needs and ensure his government's minority status continues.

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## ■ COLUMN: I've been thinking

# Feeding the hungry in Jesus name

REV GORD ABRAHAM  
Port Colborne Baptist Church

I wrote the following article just about one year ago regarding the new Food Bank at the Beach Out Centre on Nickel Street under the direction of Rachelle Anderson. The need for food supplies is very serious this summer, so would you consider giving to the needs of others while you enjoy all that the summer of 2012 has to offer?

Here is what I wrote to give you some background:

I'm starving!

That is a common expression we use when we have missed a meal or two. It really is not true.

It is only an expression. Most of us do not know what absolute poverty and hunger really is. Absolute poverty and hunger is a state where there are no resources for you to draw upon to meet your essential needs as a human being. Nothing? Zip? Nada!

We, in Canada in general and Port Colborne in particular, do have hungry people. For whatever reason, there are children who do not get the nourishment they need and families who just cannot stretch the meager dollars which they have in order to provide their basic food needs.

In 1986, members of the Clergy Fellowship and a few others began the Inter-Church Food Bank as a means to help people with emergency food needs. The intent was to supply these individuals with enough food to provide for their immediate needs. As the needs grew, and with that the demands for more food supplies, the Inter-church

Food Bank to different locations and expanded their inventory to meet greater numbers and needs. Many people worked and gave sacrificially for this cause.

In recent years, the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Clergy Fellowship, the Port Cares Reach Out Centre and the Salvation Army received food supplies from local churches, businesses, individuals and outside corporate donors that helped maintain a basic inventory of food for each of them to distribute. While each of the three Food Providers operated independently, the regular practice among the three was to keep in contact with each other and often share the supplies each had received.

The largest and longest serving of the three Food Providers, the Inter-Church Food Bank, reached a crossroads in 2010. With the retirement of its long-term, volunteer Director, rapidly growing food needs among people in our community, lessening supplies of food at the Food Bank and an evaluation of the present and future needs, they established a Food Bank Planning Team. This new team was to develop a new plan to fulfill the mandate of "feeding the hungry in Jesus Name".

The major needs to be incorporated into the new plan were:

One permanent location for food storage and distribution  
A computerized data base of clients and food resources

A new generation of Volunteers from our churches and community to complement those already serving  
Opportunity came, during this planning process, to consider and accept the amalgamation of the Food Providers

into the new Port Cares Reach Out Centre when the expansion plans were completed. This would fulfill the three areas of need mentioned above.

The new Food Service is soon to become a reality. It will be called the Port Colborne Community Food Centre and is under the direction of Port Cares in the new and expanded Reach Out Centre on the corner of Davis and Nickel Streets. Our local churches and Clergy Fellowship have committed themselves to being involved in a partnership with Port Cares in this great service to our community.

The merger of the Inter-church Food Bank and the Port Cares Reach Out Centre will enable members (clients) to continue to receive the help needed.

The local Salvation Army will continue to provide basic emergency food for their clients.

The Community Food Centre is now a reality and just had it's Grand Opening, which I attended. It will under the direction of Rachelle Anderson, continue to partner with churches, businesses and individuals in the receiving and giving out of food supplies. This will enable families, children and individuals to have basic needs met.

Please remember the Community Food Centre through the summer and thank you for your continued support of our Food Centre with your donations. To provide basic emergency food for their clients, the Port Colborne Community Food Centre Volunteer. For any questions or ways to help supply needed food, please call Rachelle Anderson at Port Cares (905-634-3628 ext 282) or email volunteers@portcares.on.ca

## ■ readers' views

### Bog fire response instructive

The Tribune reported that the Ontario Ministry of Environment has been called into Welland as a result of the Henniges fire.

The Wainfleet bog fire has been burning for more than a week and yet the MOE or MOHTC did not give the appearance that it is a potential environmental and/or health hazard to the residents of Wainfleet, Port Colborne and Welland.

What more evidence do the people of the Welland riding need to prove that the McGuinty government is totally ignoring us?

J. Mark Robinson  
Port Colborne

### Spontaneous combustion?

As a boy, in the 1950s, at our cottage at Bellevue Beach (Burnaby) in Wainfleet, the constantly burning Wainfleet Bog was just about a yearly, natural occurrence during hot, dry August days.

I actually love that smell to this day but that probably is an old man's nostalgia for his "summer days."

We Lake Erie water rats were always informed by our parents, who knew everything we actually believed, that it was just natural, "spontaneous combustion" that set off the smouldering blazes in the Wainfleet Bog. They told us it

just had to "burn itself out," was extinguished by rain, or became too thin once cool temperatures of September returned.

We occasionally saw a rattlesnake or two slithering across Bellevue Beach Rd. about the bog burning time, so we just figured they were refugees from the marsh, a few kilometres away.

What do Niagara's fire experts say about spontaneous combustion? I see someone is blaming lightning but don't recall seeing the words "spontaneous combustion" mentioned. Were our parents wrong a half-century ago?

Mike Tenzert  
Port Colborne

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## COLUMN

# First impressions always matter

Most people in Port Colborne do not know when Fashion Week reigns in Milan, Tokyo, or New York City.

Many cannot explain the difference in styles between Marc Jacobs or Prada. How many of our citizens know the cost difference between French lace and Italian silk, or are able to give you a short biography on Karl Lagerfeld on command?

Not many.

While not everyone who walks down West St. should be expected to dress like a fashionista, people seemed to skip the Dress Code section in their "Welcome to Port Colborne" guide that comes with every home.

All jokes aside, it doesn't matter whether or not you have a Burberry raincoat hanging up in your closet or if your heels are from Manolo Blahnik or Payless. The fashion police have avoided our city for far too long, and it is time that our city takes a long, hard look in the mirror (literally).

You're probably wondering, "Why should I care?"

Dressing nicely isn't about spending hundreds of dollars, trying to look like a model, or impressing other people.

It's about how you feel. You can still be just as comfortable in a wrinkle free t-shirt with a scoop neck as you would wearing a faded, oversized navy blue shirt that says "I'm out of bed, what more do you want?"

You're not doing anyone any favours by expressing your laziness on your chest.

Since we're on the topic of cheesy T-shirts, it's time to let go of anything



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hanging up in your closet that has anything ridiculous written on it. "I'm with stupid" with an arrow pointing up isn't going to help your cause the day you run into your dream date or the person you want to work for.

If you're lacking in the intelligence department, don't advertise it on your shirt. Let people figure it out for themselves. Shirts like those have much better use by becoming part of your new dust rag collection.

Let's move on to patterns and colours.

This should be pretty basic, but some people obviously did not get the memo that stripes and plaid make less sense than Stephen Harper at a comedy club or Casey Anthony at a PTA meeting.

As for colours? Red and green is only OK during the Christmas season.

The most common and also most unfortunate crime in our city is one that needs to be talked about once and for all. Ladies and gentlemen of Port Colborne... It is not, by any circumstance, acceptable to wear your pajamas outside of your house.

It is an outfit for sleeping, not living. If you choose to hangout around your house in them, by all means. Want to get the mail? As long as Ryan Gosling doesn't live next door, no big deal.

But you're pushing it when you get in your car to do groceries or go for a walk to the corner store while wearing plaid flannel with a convenient butt flap at the back. It's one thing if you're in the Tim Hortons drive-thru, but another when you suddenly remember that you're out of Temptations for Mr. Whiskers and need to stop by No Frills.

It doesn't matter how comfortable you feel. You look like you just rolled out of bed and onto a bicycle.

You don't have to start buying all your clothes at Valentino, but if you insist on being "comfortable," why not wear a nice pair of sweatpants?

First impressions matter, and it's not about fancy labels. It's about looking presentable and not getting pictures snapped behind your back and becoming the latest laughing stock on the People of Walmart website.

## LETTER: Reader weighs in

# Troubled turbines and transit

FROM PAGE 4

## Wainfleet ignored in transit plan

I notice Jim Bray shares regional council's real concerns about a One Niagara?

His comprehensive list of communities to be served by this grandiose and expensive plan ignores both West Lincoln and Wainfleet. I guess any community daring to show concerns about the region's plans to become this fantasy and environmentally destructive Green Capital of Canada don't deserve to be a part of any regional transit system?

As to the harmless and smaller wind turbines to power the rail system he proposes, I think it needs some actual evidence based on facts rather than just accusing opponents of IVTs of being naysayers?

Some six or seven years ago, when I believed the environmentalists' claims of free and environmentally friendly green energy and before I had the trouble to do that first bit of factual research, I investigated putting a wind turbine up on my property. It seemed a good idea at the time.

Fortunately, I found an honest wind turbine

supplier, who at that time was also probably a committed environmentalist. After long discussions he told me that at my age it was just not worth the investment as I would not even make any return on my investment. I still thank that honest man, daily.

Since then we have suffered the Green Energy Act and a tax-subsidized wind energy Industry in Ontario which appears to have made 'honest' wind turbine salesmen an endangered species.

So Mr. Bray, in his full support for a regional council already in partnership with the regional wind energy industry, wants the expansion of existing regional transit systems, already proved to be unsustainable without tax dollars. He also demands that even more tax dollars should be spent on subsidizing wind turbines without asking if they could ever be economically viable.

As for the communities of West Lincoln and Wainfleet, the only two communities in the region who will be directly and negatively impacted by the Region's green boondoggle? Ignore them and let them suffer.

Andrew Watts  
Wainfleet

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# Step into better shape this summer

InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Getting active or staying active can seem like an onerous task, but group activities can help.

That's why the Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne will re-institute its weekly walking club in August.

"Walking is one of the best and easiest ways to start any fitness program," says Dr. David Salanki, a chiropractor and acupuncturist. The walking club is open to anyone every Wednesday from Aug. 1 until mid-October.

The group will meet at noon in the Chiropractic Associates parking lot on Killaly St. for stretches and then walk three kilometres to Northland Pointe Lake Erie and back to the parking lot.

**Walking is one of the best and easiest ways to start any fitness program."**

Dr. David Salanki,

Participants can walk at their own pace and don't have to walk the full distance, or can walk further if they like.

"It's a support group," Salanki says of the club. "And it's proven diet and exercise is more successful when it's done in a group because there is more dedication and compliance to the program."

There is a \$18 fee to join the club. A T-shirt and barbecue in mid-October are included in the price.

To sign up call Renee Laurin at 905-835-1303 or e-mail: reneelaurin@chiro-practicassociates.com.



Renee Laurin, public relations representative for Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne, kinesiologist Dave Giammarco, centre, and chiropractor and acupuncturist Dr. David Salanki warm up for a walking club which starts Aug. 1.

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# NOTICE OF DRAFT SITE PLAN, REVISED STUDY AREA AND PUBLIC MEETING

## To be held by Niagara Region Wind Corporation regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

**Project Name:** Niagara Region Wind Farm

**Project Location:** The Study Area is within Haldimand County and Niagara Region (including the Township of Wainfleet, and Township of West Lincoln). The Interconnector Study Area is within the Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln and the Township of West Lincoln, in Niagara Region, in southern Ontario.

**Dated at Haldimand County and Niagara Region this 15th of August 2012.**

Niagara Region Wind Corporation ("NRWC") is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The distribution of this notice and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation), which covers Renewable Energy Approvals. This notice is being distributed in accordance with Section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

The project team will be holding a drop-in style public meeting on September 20, 2012, between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at Smithville Christian High School (6488 Smithville Townline Road, Smithville, Ontario). The purpose of the meeting will be to present and discuss the Draft Site Plan and Draft Site Plan Report, and to provide opportunities newly added to the Study Area the opportunity to be notified and to review the draft Project Description Report in accordance with the Regulation.

### Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is considered to be a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 230 MW. The project study area is shown in the map below.

This project is being proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. The project will consist of approximately 77 ENERCON wind turbine generators (80 potential locations identified), each with a rated capacity of 3.0 MW. The collection and transmission system includes a 34.5 kilovolt (kV) overhead and underground electrical power line collector system, a transformer substation, a 115 kV transmission line, fibre optic lines and a manual disconnect switch at the tap-in location. Other Project components include an operations and maintenance building and associated servicing and access roads with culverts installed, as required, at associated watercourse crossings.

Over the past several months, NRWC has been refining the project location and completing various technical and environmental studies in preparation for finalizing the project layout, including identification of the proposed turbine locations. Through these studies, the Project Study Area has been reduced and amended as follows:

- No project components are located within the Town of Pelham (Pelham has been removed from the Project Study Area);
- The majority of the Township of Wainfleet originally located within the Study Area has been removed with the exception of two small areas near Wellandport and Lake Erie (approx. 5 turbines);
- The Interconnection Study Area has been expanded to accommodate the location of the proposed transformer substation; and,
- A small area in the Township of West Lincoln has been added to accommodate 3 additional turbines west of the original Study Area.

The revised Study Area is shown on the adjacent map.

### Documents for Public Inspection:

A **Draft Site Plan and Draft Site Plan Report**, including the proposed turbine layout, will be issued for the project and made available for public review, as listed at the bottom of this notice. The legal effect of this Notice is such that pursuant to Section 54 of the Regulation, NRWC has to take into account noise receptors as defined by the Act that existed as of the day before NRWC published this Notice.

The **Draft Project Description Report** titled Niagara Region Wind Farm Draft Project Description Report (August 2012) has been updated with the details outlined above, and will be made available for public review, as listed at the bottom of this notice.

The **Draft Site Plan, Draft Site Plan Report**, and updated **Draft Project Description Report** will be made available as of August 20, 2012, for public review at [www.nrwc.ca](http://www.nrwc.ca), and the following locations:

Haldimand County: 45 Munsee Street North, Cayuga  
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Town of Lincoln: 4800 South Service Road, Beamsville  
Town of Pelham: 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill  
Township of Wainfleet: 31940 Highway #3, Wainfleet  
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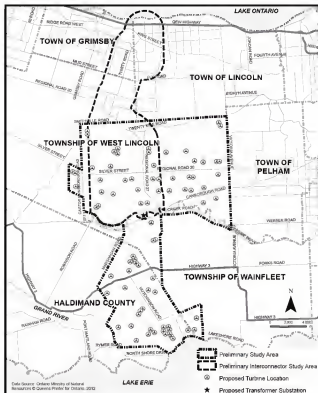
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Information will be collected and used in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. This information will be used to assist NRWC in meeting applicable environmental approvals requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Unless indicated otherwise, personal information and all comments will become part of the public record and publicly released as part of project documentation.



### NRWC will be holding a drop-in style public meeting

**WHEN:** September 20, 2012 at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Smithville Christian High School  
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We are speaking out against this deal because we believe it would be harmful to Canadian broadcasting and communications - to our companies, to our employees, to our investors. But it is your voices that matter most, not ours.

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■ **FIRE:** MNR crews using nearly two miles of hose to fight stubborn Wainfleet fire

# Crews pushing bog fire 'back to the middle'

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Ministry of Natural Resources crews are pushing the Wainfleet Bog fire back, the township's fire chief says.

"Things are running smoothly. They've surrounded the northwest corner of the fire and are pushing it back to the middle," Harry Flagg said

last Sunday afternoon.

Ministry crews arrived in the bog at the end of Erie Peak Rd., Friday and started setting up hoses from a pond at the back of the Miller Group quarry off Hwy. 3.

"They laid a 2 1/2 -inch hose from the quarry to the site; 9,800 feet of hose to get the water where they need it. There's another 4,300 feet of hose a round the perimeter

that's seeping water into the peat," Flagg said.

He said ministry crews had to get more hose in because they didn't have quite enough to stretch the two-mile distance from the pond to fire site.

There are 14 ministry staff fighting the fire along with two Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority staff in the bog.

The fire started nearly two weeks ago and was believed to have been caused by lightning. Smoke from the fire has been drifting across the north end of Wainfleet and, depending on the wind, into Port Colborne and Welland.

Flagg said the fire is dissipating but the rain Saturday didn't help much though the fire is not very deep in the peat.

"I was out there yesterday (Saturday)," said the chief, who is the local lead on the fire.

Wainfleet, Port Colborne and Welland were working together on the fire with the mayors and fire chiefs of each municipality meeting and working with the conservation authority and natural resources ministry.

"Everyone has been work-

ing well together as a team."

Flagg said part of a plan worked called for the use of tanker trucks from each municipality along with one possibly from Pelham to be used to supply water.

However, with the Miller Group allowing the use of the pond, the trucks were not needed.

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## ■ FIRE

# Bog remains closed

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Ministry staff, the chief said, will reassess the fire later in the week to see what progress has been made in putting it out.

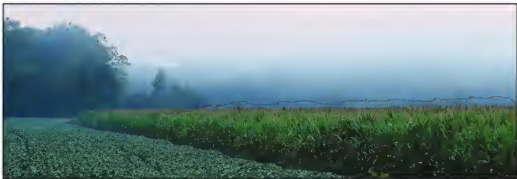
Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said a meeting will be held Monday morning in the township to look at the situation.

"It could take up to a week to put the fire out," she said.

With smoke drifting across the various municipalities, Jeffs said anyone with breathing problems should seek medical attention.

"The hospitals are aware of it (the fire) and if they see an increase in breathing problems they'll notify us."

The mayor wanted to remind everyone that the bog is still closed because of the fire and no one should be entering it.



In this view from Port Colborne-Wainfleet Townline Rd. North, smoke from a fire in an inaccessible area of the Wainfleet Bog drifts across a field. Fire officials in Wainfleet and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority are going to let the fire burn for now.

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■ NEW EXHIBIT: Arts Place Gallery

# Studio tour draws attention to artists

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PORT COLBORNE — The first South Niagara Artists Studio Tour was all about drawing attention to the varied artists of along the Lake Erie

shore. Joyce Honsberger at the Arts Place Gallery said last Sunday afternoon the goal was reached.

"We were very busy Saturday and things are just getting started here now."

Does it mean a second tour next year?

"Most assuredly," she said. "We're essentially trying to bring local artists into focus."

The tour involved 25 studios, galleries and shops in Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Port

Erie.

"We have such a variety of art work," said Honsberger.

It ranges from oil and wildlife paintings, functional stoneware pottery and wood carvings to blown glass and art glass, two- and three-dimensional space

sculpture and relief work.

During the tour artists helped each other but not only explaining their work but also guiding visitors to other artists.

"You have to go right to the end to see Alison's work in Ridgeway," Peggy O'Hara at O's

Gallery on Clarence St. in Port Colborne was telling visitors Saturday.

Wood carver Alison Barclay makes unusual woodcarving and decorations.

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